



A DROUGHT-RESISTANT ASIATIC PLUM (*PRUNUS* SP.; S. P. I. No. 55901)

A hardy wild plum which is drought and heat resistant deserves trial as a stock for regions in the United States where dry hot summers combine with cold winters to make the growing of stone fruits very difficult. This species was discovered in limestone soil on the Likiang Snow Range, Yunnan, China, at an altitude of 10,500 feet, where it grows as a spreading tree 20 to 25 feet high. It bears a large number of round lemon-yellow fruits an inch in diameter. Its native region is subject at times to intense heat and drought, and snow falls in the winter. (Photographed by J. F. Rock, September 1, 1922; P30289FS)